



Docket No. 57094 (71526)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: M. Sakanaka et al. EXAMINER: P. A. Patten
SERIAL NO. 10/070,209 GROUP: 1654
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FOR: BRAIN CELL- OR NERVE CELL-PROTECTING AGENTS
COMPRISING MEDICINAL GINSENG

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

Applicants filed a first Amendment After Final Rejection on November 9, 2004, in response to the final Office Action dated August 26, 2004. An Advisory Action was then mailed on December 2, 2004. Applicants filed a second Amendment After Final Rejection and Notice of Appeal on February 28, 2005. An Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief was then mailed on April 29, 2005. Applicants file herewith a request for continued examination (RCE) and kindly request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks and Rule 132 Declaration filed concurrently herewith.

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